Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya Scheme

†1416. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is running a scheme to open Kasturba Balika Vidyalayas in the country, to promote primary education among girls;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that few States are showing indifference towards opening such Vidyalayas;

(d) if so, the details of such States;

(e) the action being taken by Government in this regard; and

(f) the details of amount allocated to various States for this scheme, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (f) The Government of India has sanctioned 2578 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBVs) which are residential schools for girls at upper primary level in educationally backward blocks of the country. 2159 KGBVs (83.75%) are reported to be operational as on 30.11.2008. A sum of Rs. 122525.48 lakh has been allocated to various States/UTs for implementation of KGBVs during 2008-09 as per Statement (*See* below). The Government of India is regularly monitoring the implementation of the scheme and intervening with States showing slow performance.

Statement

Allocation of funds in the country State/ Union Territory-wise for implementation of KGBVs during 2008-09.

Sl. No.	State/UT	Outlay for KGBV Schools (Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	20380.11
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2081.32
3.	Assam	1228.74
4.	Bihar	22434.27
5.	Chhattisgarh	2841.03
6.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	76.27
7.	Delhi	48.73
8.	Gujarat	3131.98
9.	Haryana	380.84
10.	Himachal Pradesh	158.60

1	2	3
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	5644.53
12.	Jharkhand	7205.35
13.	Karnataka	1218.86
14.	Madhya Pradesh	8869.78
15.	Maharashtra	2609.72
16.	Manipur	34.32
17.	Meghalaya	77.48
18.	Mizoram	25.47
19.	Nagaland	97.45
20.	Orissa	5140.89
21.	Punjab	70.03
22.	Rajasthan	6297.81
23.	Tamil Nadu	1292.72
24.	Tripura	91.35
25.	Uttar Pradesh	28784.41
26.	Uttarakhand	926.35
27.	West Bengal	1377.07
	TOTAL :	122525.48

Primary education in Jharkhand

1417. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether many States of the country have a higher percentage of children having completed primary education than in Jharkhand and whether vocational and higher education equips our young people to gain proper employment and become good productive citizens;

(b) the details of schemes to encourage children to continue education beyond the primary level;

(c) the expenditure on such schemes during the last five years in various States; and

(d) whether the Ministry has any plans to help States like Jharkhand, where this percentage is low, to mitigate this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The retention rate at primary level in Jharkhand is 50% against the national average of 75% (SES: 2005-06).

(b) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), is a national scheme that promotes universalization of elementary education upto class 8 level, beyond the primary stage of education.